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ANNUAL MEETING

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

May 29–30, 2009



Marymount College
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Future SCAS Meetings

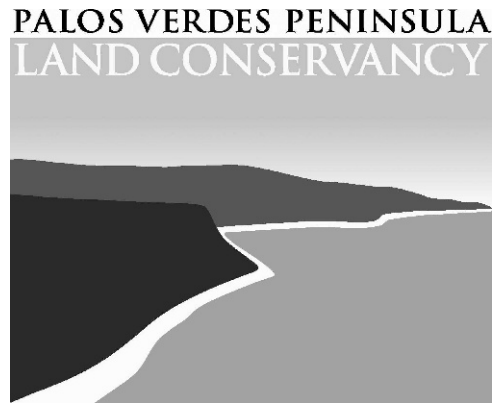
2010 – California State University, Los Angeles
2011 – California Polytechnic University, Pomona
2012 – Occidental College

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Ann Dalkey

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ANNUAL MEETING STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS

Over 40 students entered this year's competition for SCAS student-presentation awards. Awards were given in the categories of Biological and Physical Sciences for both posters and talks. Owing to the large number of student presentations in both categories of the Biological Sciences, two Honorable Mention awards were given. First-place award winners received \$100 and Honorable mention winners received \$50.

Student Presentation Awards

Physical Science – 1st Place Talk

Kimbrie L. Gobbi, Patricia V. Narwold, Sarah C. Gray, University of San Diego, Marine Science and Environmental Studies Department

INORGANIC SEDIMENT SOURCE, FLUX, AND COMPOSITION WITHIN BAYS IN ST. JOHN, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Molecular Biology and Physiology – 1st Place Talk

Brar NB^{1,2}, Waggoner CM^{1,2}, Reyes JA^{1,2}, Fairey R³, and Kelley KM.^{1,2}

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²Institute for Integrated Research on Materials, Environment, and Society, CSULB, CA 90840.

³Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, CA

DOCUMENTATION OF THYROID ENDOCRINE DISRUPTION IN PACIFIC STAG-HORN SCULPIN (*LEPTOCOTTUS ARMATUS*) AND SHINER SURFPERCH (*CYMATOGASTER AGGREGATA*) RESIDING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Ecology and Evolution – 1st Place Talk (tied)

A.W. Fredell and D. C. Zacherl, California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA, 92834

OUT OF THE SAND AND INTO THE SURF: DETERMINING PHILOPATRY AND POPULATION CONECTIVITY IN THE CALIFORNIA GRUNION, *LEURESTHES TENUIS* (ATHERINOPSIDAE).

Danielle Y. Trathen California State University, Los Angeles

COMPARATIVE PHYLOGEOGRAPHY OF CARIBBEAN SEA SLUGS WITH LONG-LIVED VS. SHORT-LIVED LARVAE

Ecology: Honorable mention (2 papers)

Lisa Komoroske¹, Rebecca Lewison¹, Peter H. Dutton², Jeffrey Seminoff², Dimitri Deheyn³,

¹San Diego State University; ² NOAA- Southwest Fisheries Science Center;

³Scripps Institution of Oceanography

EVALUATING CONTAMINANTS IN AN ENDANGERED SPECIES INHABITING AN URBANIZED COASTAL ECOSYSTEM: *BIOACCUMULATION AND HEALTH EFFECTS IN THE EAST PACIFIC GREEN TURTLE (CHELONIA MYDAS) IN SAN DIEGO BAY*

M.N. Garchow and P. Krug, CSU Los Angeles, Department of Biology, Los Angeles, CA, 90032.

POPULATION DYNAMICS AT A SHIFTING RANGE BOUNDARY BETWEEN SISTER SPECIES OF ESTUARINE SEA SLUG: ROLE OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT VERSUS LARVAL SUPPLY

Poster Awardees

Physical Science – 1st Place

REZAIIE BOROON, M. H., California State University, Los Angeles, CA, mrezaie@calstatela.edu, **RAMIREZ, P.**, California State University, Los Angeles, CA,

COMBINED GEOCHEMICAL AND DIGENETIC PROCESSES CONTROL THE CADMIUM ENRICHMENT IN SEDIMENTARY ROCKS OF SOUTHERN TOGO, WEST AFRICA

Molecular Biology and Physiology – 1st Place

Sergio Sandoval, University of La Verne Biology Department, 1950 Third St. La Verne, CA 91750

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MECHANISM OF METHOXYCHLOR IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THYMOCYTES.

Ecology and Evolution (3 awardees)

T. Duong, J. Gov, and G. Liu. UCLA, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Los Angeles, CA, 90095.

AGGREGATING BEHAVIOR AND SPECIES PREFERENCE IN THREE SPECIES OF GUNNEL: *Apodichthys flavidus*, *Apodichthys fucorum* and *Pholis ornate*.

W. Liu, C. Mac, and S. E. Walker. Department of Biological Science, California State University Fullerton, Fullerton CA 92831

THE IMPACT OF FIGHTING STRESS ON LIFESPAN IN THE HOUSE CRICKET (*ACHETA DOMESTICUS*)

N.P. West and K.A. Dickson, California State University Fullerton, Department of Biological Science, Fullerton, CA, 92831.

OCULAR MUSCLES AS A HEAT SOURCE FOR CRANIAL ENDOTHERMY IN THE SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK, *ISURUS OXYRINCHUS*

Student Grants

The Southern California Academy of Sciences supports a program of Grants to graduate and undergraduate students. One stipulation for the winners is that they present their research at the following year's Annual Meeting. This years award winners were

Tracey Magrann Loma Linda University Department of Earth and Biological Sciences

Nutrient Threshold for Production of Cyanobacterial Toxins in Southern California Lagoons, Bays, and Lakes

Thomas Farrugia California State University, Long Beach, Dept of Biology
Biology Department

Site fidelity, residency time and habitat use of the shovelnose guitarfish (*Rhinobatos productus*) in a southern California estuary: assessing restoration success

Chris Chabot University of California, Los Angeles Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Comparative Phylogeography of the Grey Smoothhound (*Mustelus californicus*) and the Brown Smoothhound (*Mustelus henlei*) from the Northeastern Pacific